MY BOYFRIEND
CHAPTER 2

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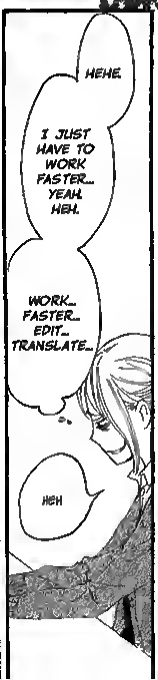

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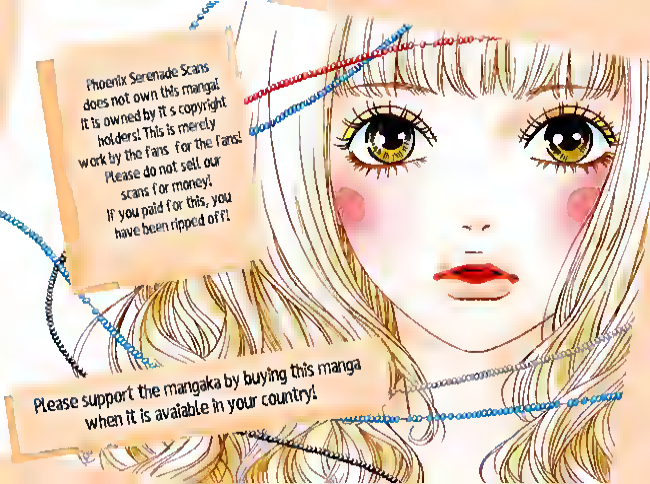
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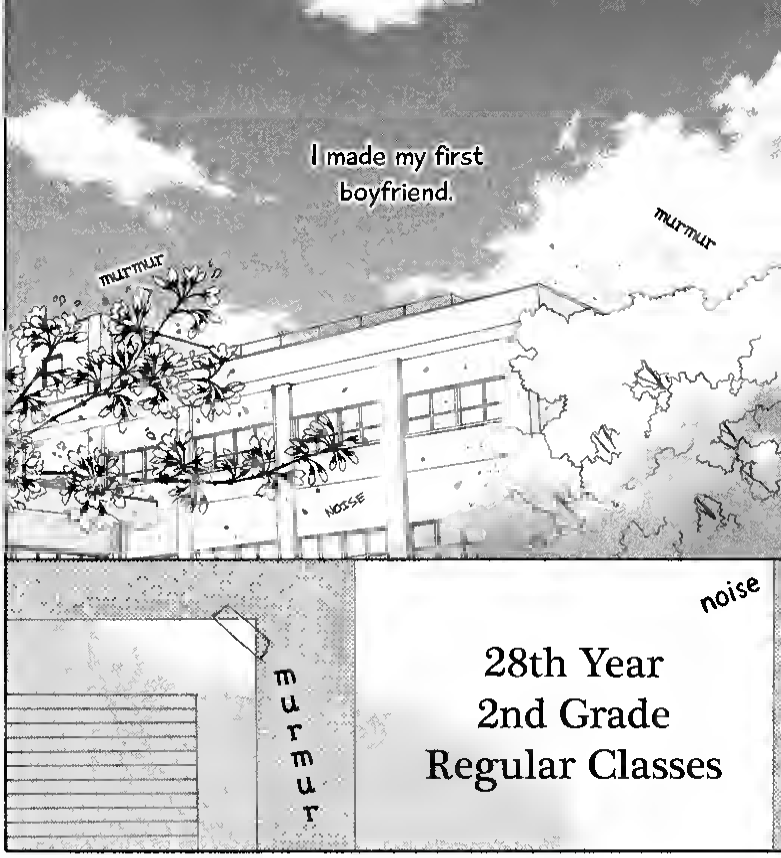
Step 2

We held hands

for the first time

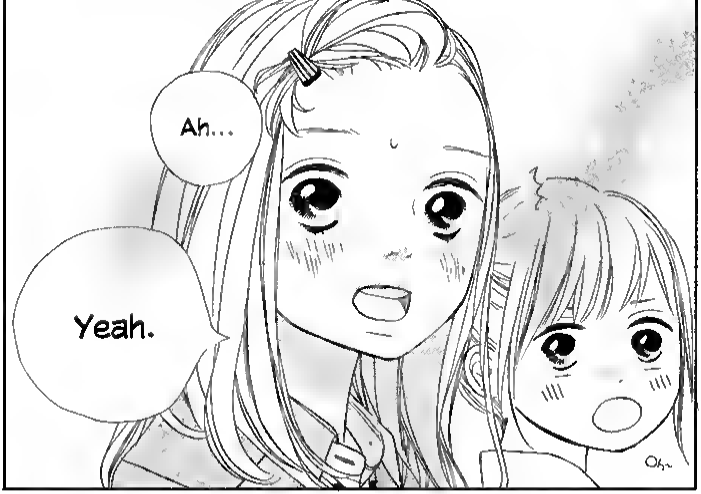


マイ・ボーイフレンド
My Boyfriend

WE'RE SEPARATED.
House
26th Year
2nd Grade
Regular Cl
cackl
cackl
IT'S LIVING APART IN THE SAME HOUSE FOR THE TIME BEING, ISN'T IT?
That's not it.
DIVORCE, HUH~ THAT'S FAST~
That's not it.
Laugh
IT WON'T CHANGE THAT MUCH EVEN IF WE'RE IN CLASS 4 OR CLASS 5, WILL IT?

My first boyfriend—
That's not it
We've been friends like this for a year so.
I don't know any more.
Even though we're going out,
Nothing much has changed
Yeah...
SEE YA~
.....
It'll change
You're different

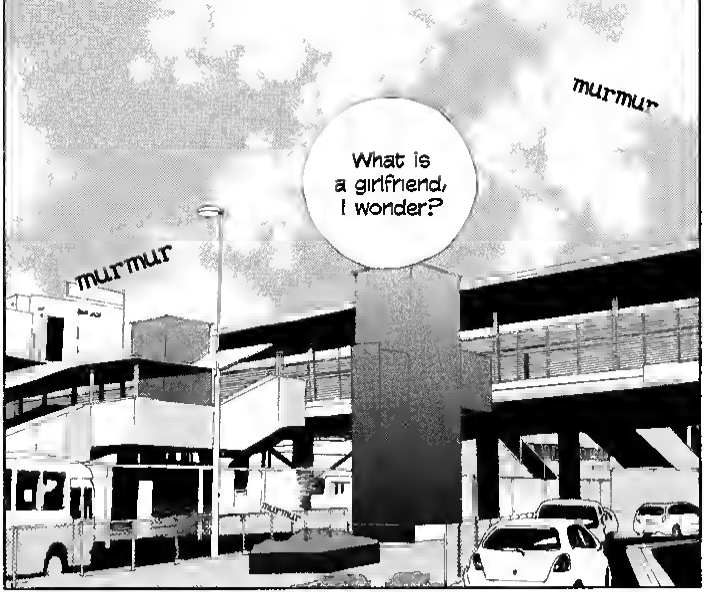
I'LL COME PICK YOU UP AFTER SCHOOL.
MARU,


Ah...
Yeah.

YOU'RE LOVEY-DOVEY~
What the heck, I'm embarrased
whistle
whistle
What's with this guy, suddenly saying that kind of thing?

IT'S A PITY YOU GOT SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT CLASSES
But Miyaji doesn't seem to think anything of it.
I'll be in your care for one more year, Nori?
HE WAS LAUGHING FOOLISHLY
BUT THERE WAS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT PICKING YOU UP.
Wah-
Yeah.
BUMP
Akane-chan...
.....
The girl who was always chasing after Miyaji...
AH I'M SORRY

CONGRATS!
I HEARD YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH MIYAJI-KUN.
LET'S BE FRIENDS TOO
Get into your seats you fools!
murmur
murmur
Thanks..
MIYAJI, WHO'RE YOU WAITING FOR?
GIRLFRIEND~
WHAT? DIE.
Are you serious, traitor?!
Hahahaha


murmur
What is a girlfriend, I wonder?
murmur

Well, yes, but...
A SIMPLE QUESTION.
IT'S YOU.
What does it mean to go out?
I was told "congrats"
Nothing much has changed for us.
We just go walk together occasionally.

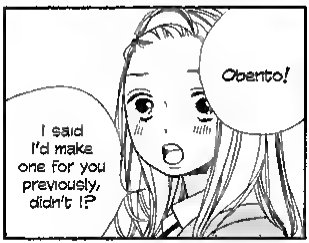
Yaaay!
WHEN THINGS ARE CALMER, LET'S GO PLAY
Yeah!
AH~ AFTER THAT, I KEPT WORKING PART-TIME
Kya!
Where should we go~?
Kya!
YEAH,
ALSO,
DOING STUFF LIKE THIS...
EEP!

Waaaaaa
I'M HURT.
You're so mean
W-wait, wait!
So- Sor..
...This kind of thing
Breathe... I'm embarrassed
...it's the first time for me, so
i don't know how to.

THEN-
REMEMBER IT, BIT BY BIT.
FIRST, ONE FINGER.
THREE FINGERS...
TWO FINGERS.

I give up!!!
BUHAHAHA!
Let it be my homework!

The bus is here.


Obento!
I said I'd make one for you previously, didn't I?

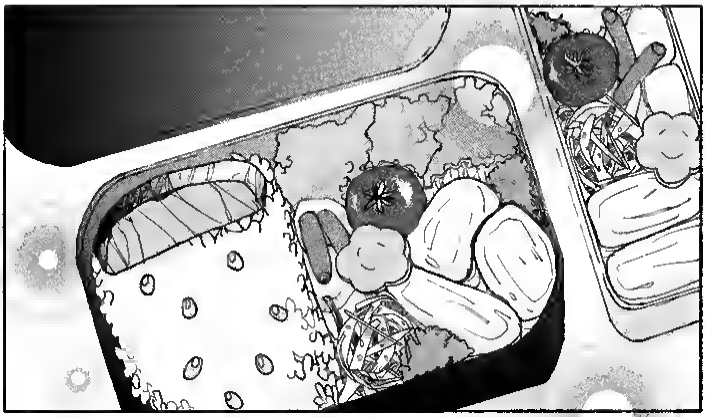
SERIOUSLY? IS IT OKAY?
If I make one and bring it, will you eat it?
Of course!
I can't make something fancy though

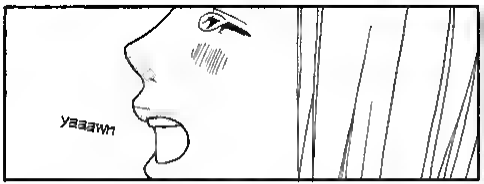
Work hard at your part-time job!
H-hey.
YEAH, SEE YOU TOMORROW.

HOORAY!
He's waving...
If Miyaji's happy, I'm happy too.

That's the only thing I understand.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
5:30 ALARM
BEEP
rise...
...
All right.
I'm awake.
pi-soe
pi-soe
pi-soe

Victory Song
Lightly-salted salmon
TA-DAH!
*MEANT TO SOUND LIKE A VICTORY SONG
He's always eating salmon onigiri from the convenience store...
He's like an old man.
Salmon is delicious.
Sweet tamagoyaki* or with dashi**, which one would he prefer, I wonder?
stir
stir
He's always eating candy so maybe he likes sweet tamago-yaki
Let's put in a lot of vegetables too
And...
He needs to get his nutrients.
*EGG ROLL, **SOUP STOCK MADE FROM FISH AND KELP
For color, cherry tomatoes...
Oh man~ they look like Maru
The cherry tomatoes are round!
Seems like he'll say that.




YAWWN

PING
POING
PING
POING

MARU, YOUR MOUTH WAS HUGE! SUPER UGLY!
Discovered!
YOU DIDN'T SLEEP?
I woke up a little earlier.
Gya- You saw!
It's expensive to look okay?

MARU-CHAN,
MIYAJI'S HERE.
murmur
murmur
Here,
The thing in question
Wow
THANKS.
SORRY, WE CAN'T EAT TOGETHER TODAY.
I HAVE SOME COMMITTEE MEETING...
Haha
It's the executive committee, isn't it?
YES, SOME KIND OF COMMITTEE MEETING...
I FEEL SLUGGISH I'M WITHERING
don't wanna go...
murmur
murmur
Now~ now~
Eat the obento and cheer up.
YEAH, SERIOUSLY, THANKS.
murmur
murmur

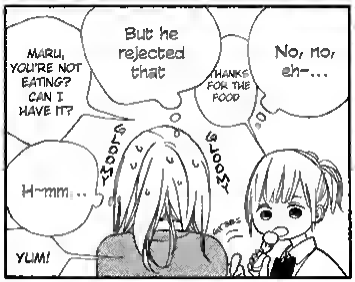
flick
?
.....
2-6
?
I JUST THOUGHT MARU'S FOREHEAD IS ROUND TODAY TOO
Ah!
What's with that?
mumur
mumur
NO, SERIOUSLY.
I'M HAPPY.
THANK YOU.
2-5
DOING
DOING

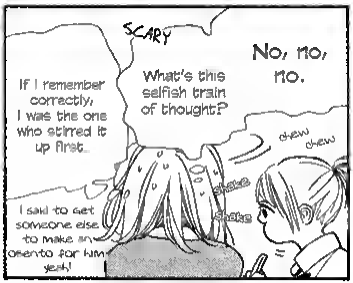
NON WANTS TO BE MARU'S BOYFRIEND TOO!
murmur
It's not fair Miyaji!
I'll look forward to it in my next life.
Yay!
THAT LOOKS SUPER DELICIOUS~!
WOW, THAT LOOKS DELICIOUS~
murmur
murmur
YOU MADE MIYAJI-KUN'S TOO, HUH?
AMA~ZING!
YOU'RE LIKE NEWLYWEDS.

mumur
No, it's nothing fancy.
ME TOO
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'RE GOOD AT COOKING I'M ENVIOUS
mumur
mumur
Uh, no-
I COULDN'T MAKE AN OBENTO AS GOOD AS MARU-CHAN'S BUT...
HE WAS HAPPY- BUT HE LAUGHED AND SAID HE COULDN'T EAT THE TOMATOES-
HE ASKED ME TO MAKE ONE
ACTUALLY, I MADE AN OBENTO FOR MIYAJI-KUN ONCE
*T/N I WANT TO STRANGLE HER
You were in the midst of eating
AH, I'VE DISTURBED YOU-
HE'S LIKE A CHILD, ISN'T HE?

...It's questionable.
DID SHE PICK A FIGHT WITH YOU?
...MARU,
Small talk...?
She didn't seem to have any ill intentions.
.....
TOMATO
They were close enough for her to make one for him...
Hmm...
Now that I think about it, it seems like he said that...
"WILL YOU MAKE ME A LOVING WIFE BENTO?"

Even though he said he's liked me since he first met me...


MARU, YOU'RE NOT EATING? CAN I HAVE IT?
But he rejected that
THANKS FOR THE FOOD
No, no, eh-...
H-mm...
SLURP
SLURP
YUM!


SCARY
No, no, no.
If I remember correctly, I was the one who stirred it up first...
What's this selfish train of thought?
I said to get someone else to make an omento for him, yeah!
chew chew
chew chew

murmur
MARU-CHAN,
YOUR BOYFRIEND'S HERE TO PICK YOU UP.
murmur
murmur

THE BENTO WAS SUPER DELICIOUS~
I'VE WASHED THE BENTO BOX WITH WATER JUST IN CASE.
Oh, thanks!
I'm grateful!
...ANYWAY,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A BENTO FOR ME, AFTER ALL.
I FEEL LIKE IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE HAD A PROPER MEAL
I'M REVIVED

Why?
.....
EH-?
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S TROUBLE-SOME.
It's nothing!
I'm just making it with mine too...
Yeah-
it's okay.
NO, THAT'S BE-CAUSE ...

It's nothing.
EH, WHAT?
CHITTA CHUFF
...
HE~Y.
I wonder if the bus is coming soon-
...
Uuuugh
Ugh... I showed such a bad attitude...
That's because he said he didn't want it
Does he hate tomatoes so much?
I'm kind of annoyed that Akane-chan was the one who told me.
I should have asked him properly...
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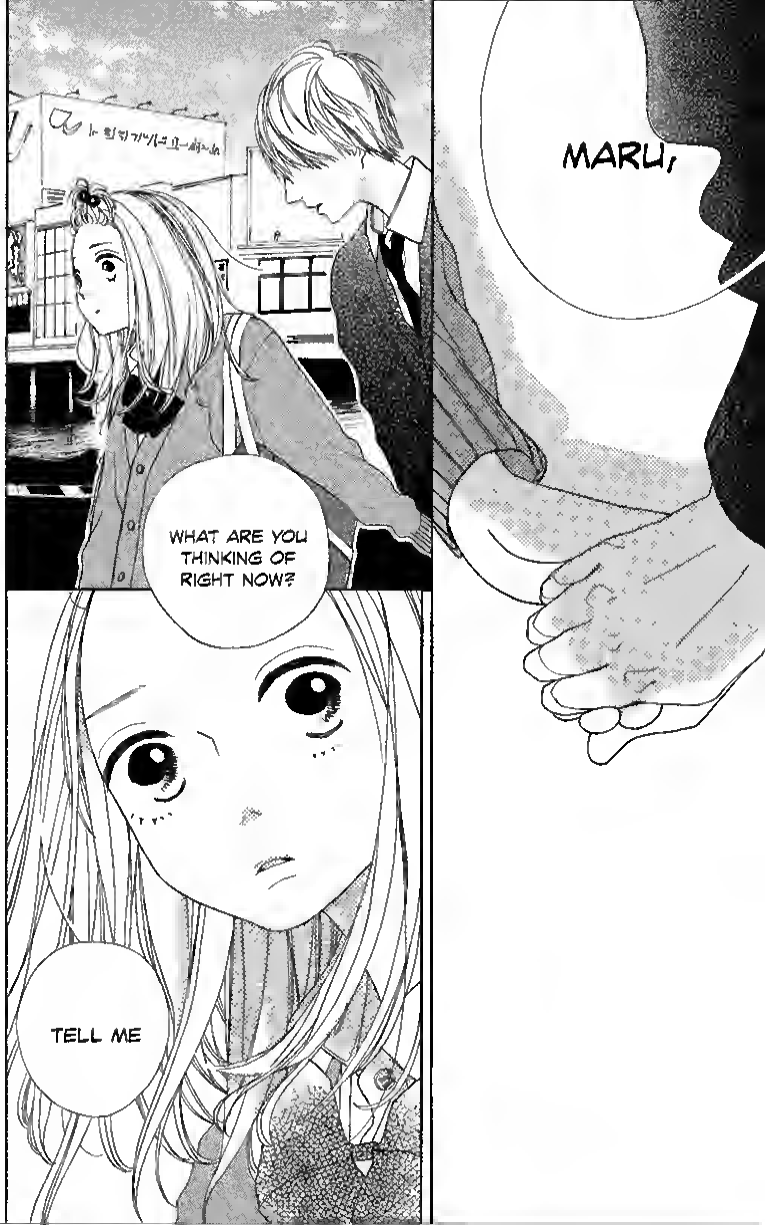
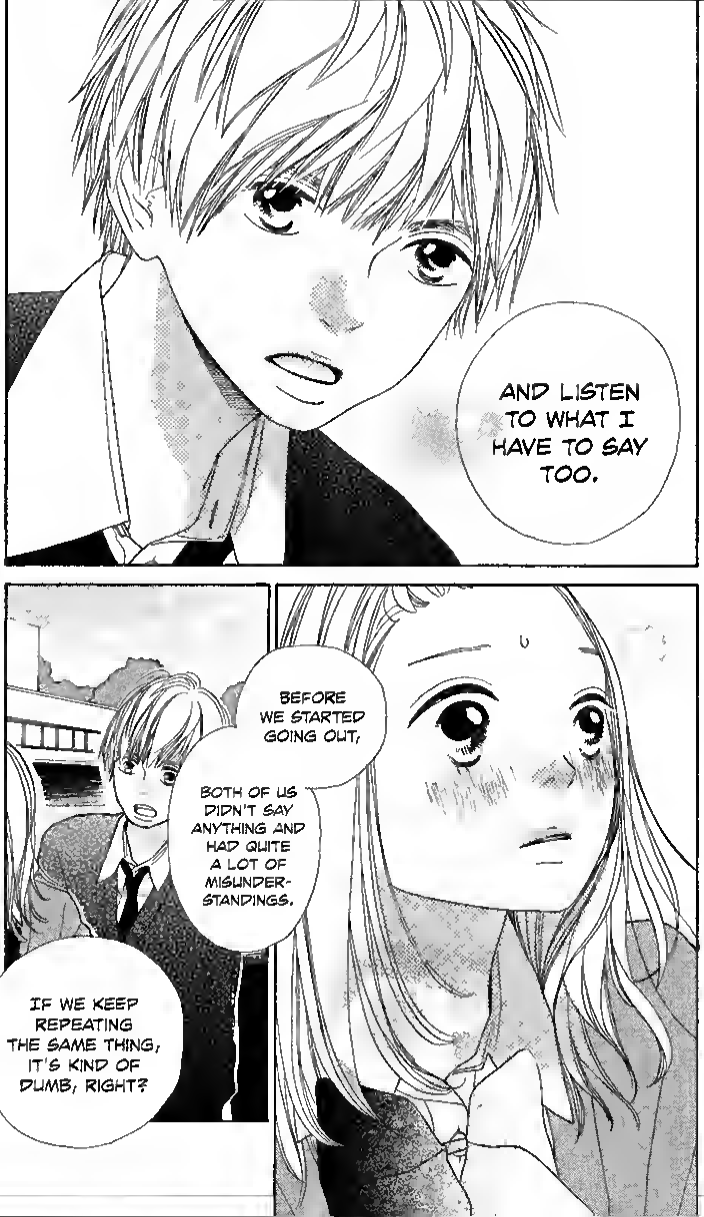
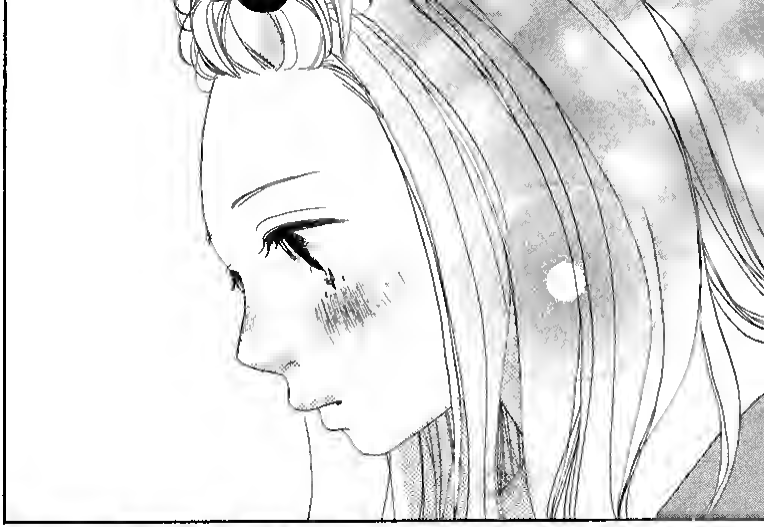

MARU,
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING OF RIGHT NOW?
TELL ME


AND LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY TOO.
BEFORE WE STARTED GOING OUT,
BOTH OF US DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING AND HAD QUITE A LOT OF MISUNDER-STANDINGS.
IF WE KEEP REPEATING THE SAME THING, IT'S KIND OF DUMB, RIGHT?

STREET SOUNDS...
LET'S EXCHANGE THE THINGS THAT WE WANT TO SAY.
I DON'T KNOW BUT
ISN'T GOING OUT ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING?
...
...
Whisi

The abs weren't off huh.
Yeah.
LET'S GO.
there
ROBOTIC MOVE-MENTS
Do more!



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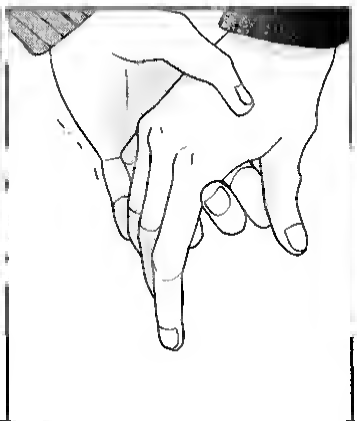
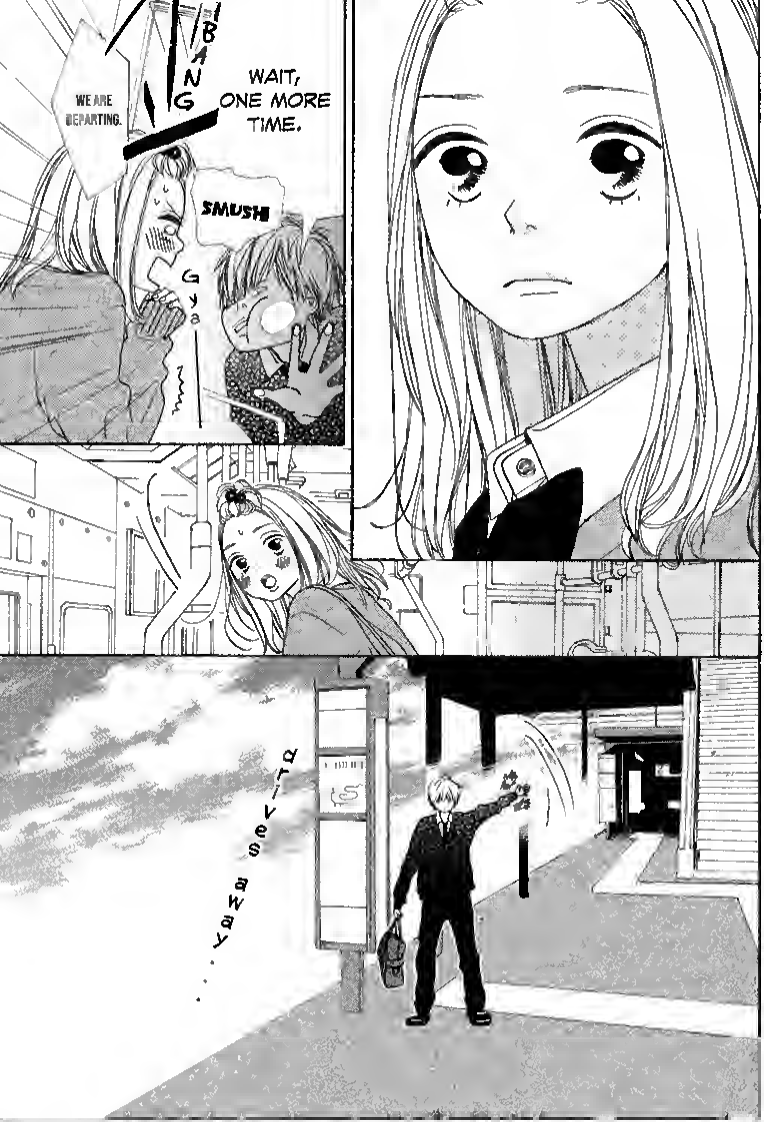
to 600円
ご休憩OK
入口



I'm making a bento because I want to.
Let me make it.
BUT IT'S A BURDEN FOR YOU, MARU.
WAKING UP EARLY AND STUFF.
At that time, I'm sleeping~ Isn't that horrible?

BUS STOP
BUT TO PUT THINGS BLUNTLY, IT COSTS MONEY.
I SHOULDN'T BE PASSING YOU MONEY TOO...
Hmm
THAT'S IT!
Yeah, let's do that.
Then... treat me to meals when we go out together.
MARU-CHAN, NICE IDEA!
Oh
When I'm making the bento, I'm thinking of Miyaji.
It's pretty fun.
In fact, I'm looking forward to it.
Not at all.
HEY, DON'T SAY SUCH CUTE THINGS.

Let's do that, let's do that.
Oh, the bus is here.
pulls in
...Usually, you're just going with the flow flippantly but
You're actually serious, aren't you, Miyaji?
All right, my bus pass
I like that part of you.
BEEP
All right, see you-
...Miyaji?
...


BANG
WE ARE DEPARTING.
WAIT, ONE MORE TIME.
SMUSH
Gya
drives away...

I like you.

DING
DONG
DING
LET'S EAT.
Right.
Thanks Mom
clap
Chew well before you swallow
I like you,
Miyaji.

I'M THE KIND THAT DOESN'T LIKE TOMATOES BUT IS OKAY WITH CHERRY TOMATOES.
Did I tell you about that?
Talk after swallowing.
That's because you hate them, don't you?
WHY DOESN'T MINE HAVE TOMATOES?
You put them in last time.
Oh.
...I see
YOU KNOW,
I LIKE THE MARU WHO
MAKES SALMON AND SWEET TAMAGOYAKI FOR ME EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T TELL YOU THAT I LIKE THEM.

HOW DID YOU KNOW?
TOMATOES, GIVE ME TOMATOES.
Ah-
Thief
CRASH!
I CAN'T POSSIBLY HATE THEM.
CHERRY TOMATOES...
THEY'RE AS CUTE AS MARU.

"THEN,"
"REMEMBER BIT BY BIT."
I thought you'd definitely say that!
Yup,
Teach me more.
TO BE CONTINUED